

REMARKS

Entry of the requested amendments is respectfully requested. These amendments do not include new matter.

The Notice requested replacement drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.84 and 1.121. Replacement drawings as requested accompany this response.

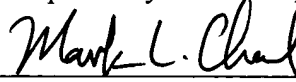
Also submitted with this response, the applicants provide the computer readable form of the sequence listing as well as replacement sequence listing pages. The paper copy and computer readable form of the sequence listing and are identical and include no new matter.

CONCLUSION

Acceptance of the documents enclosed herewith and entry of the amendments is earnestly solicited. The applicants urge the Patent Office to contact the undersigned at 312 913 2117, if the Patent Office believes this would expedite prosecution of the application. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment of fees or debit any underpayment of fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. The applicants respectfully assert that the pending claims are allowable and request prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,



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